Travancore labourers in Ceylon.

217. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Travancoreans have been employed as daily labourers in the Government Departments of Ceylon ;

(*b*) whether their services are being dispensed with ;

(*c*) the number so dispensed with ;

(*d*) whether any of these labourers have married Ceylonese women ;

(*e*) whether the rules of repatriation proposed by the Ceylon Government apply to such women and their children born of Travancoreans ;

(*f*) whether this Government have made any representation on the matter to the Government of India ; and

(*g*) if so with what result ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) (*d*) and (*e*) Government have no definite information.

(*f*) and (*g*) Government have forwarded their views to the Government of India and sought to impress upon them the necessity to take effective measures for counteracting the policy adopted by the Government of Ceylon which this Government recognise affects prejudicially a large number of Travancoreans. Other steps are also in contemplation.

MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : May I know whether the Government will admit into this State with privileges of citizenship the Ceylonese wives of Travancoreans with their issues ?

MR. M. K. NILAKANTA AIYAR : That is a question of future policy.

Puduval Rules before Act III of 1097.

218. *MR. C. JEBAMONY NADAR : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the Puduval Rules in force before the Land Assignment Act was enacted had prescribed the maximum and minimum amount of assessment on the lands registered ;

(*b*) whether the Government are now collecting from such lands tax in excess of the amount fixed by the *Patta* ; and

(*c*) if so, the law or authority under which they do so ?

MR. M. RAMACHANDRA RAO (*Ag. Land Revenue and Income Tax Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) and (*c*) In some cases, Government are collecting tax in excess of the amount specified in the *patta* by virtue of condition 3 of the conditions appended to the form of Puduval *Patta* which lays down that, when any portion or portions of lands granted under the Puduval Rules are cultivated with cardamom, rubber or other special products, tax can be imposed thereon at such rates of special assessment as may be applicable to the lands granted for the cultivation of such products.

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